

What Becomes of the "Tomboy."

And what of that little nondescript known as the tomboy? What becomes of the romping, hoydenish girl who much prefers the society of the naughtiest boys to the nice, well behaved daughters of respectable neighbors, and who cannot endure the quiet games with the aforementioned cherubs and their meek dolls, who have such a tiresome fashion of forever smiling up into one's face.

Does she still continue to enjoy masculine sports when she has arrived at years of discretion? Is she still inclined to torn frocks, disheveled locks and an abhorrence of all things girls hold most dear? As far as our observation goes we would most flatly say no, quite the reverse. The greatest tomboy we ever knew turned out to be the most demure creature at twenty that we could imagine.

She took to fancy work and hospital visiting with a vigor that seemed most meant to atone for all those years when she could not be induced, save under the threat of being kept in the house, to take up a needle and struggle with the unhappy bit of patchwork that never seemed to progress beyond a most unsightly square that had been used to wipe away the tears from a very dirty little face bent over the obnoxious bit of ladylike employment, and the hospitals served to make up for the abhorrence of those childish days of anything that savored of respectable self sacrifice.

Many other instances we have known where the most charming women have been evolved from the rude little tomboy girl; therefore, mothers, do not despair if the small daughter shows a decided penchant for tops and marbles rather than dolls and sewing.—Philadelphia Times.

A Story from Paris.

I was residing in Paris as representative of a London firm. An English girl, who accompanied my wife to the French capital as upper servant, was married soon after our arrival there to a young French artisan, who almost immediately disappeared. He had been knocked down by a runaway team and wounded in the head. He was conveyed to a hospital, and when he recovered his past life was a blank to him. He could not even remember his name. He drifted about, living upon charity, until strong enough to work, when he secured employment, and by industry and economy acquired a snug little sum of money.

One day his wife met him and threw herself into his arms. He did not remember her, but seemed delighted to meet one who knew him and tell him of his past life. He came home with her, and both my wife and myself identified him. He did not yet realize his relationship to the young woman, but asked if she was not his sister. I thought the young wife's heart would break. I believed the fellow was shamming and spoke to him pretty sharply. He then told his story and referred me to the hospital physician, who certified to its truth. He was perfectly sane, but could not recall a single instance in his life prior to the time he was run down in the streets. He accepted his wife, resumed his name and they are very happy together, but the first twenty-five years of his life are still a blank to him.—Interview in St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

A Joker Among Birds.

The bluejay is the most persistent practical joker in the feathered kingdom. He will conceal himself in a clump of leaves near the spot where small birds are accustomed to gather, and when they are enjoying themselves in their own fashion will suddenly frighten them almost to death by screaming out like a hawk. Of course, they scatter in every direction, and when they do so the mischievous rascal gives vent to a cackle that sounds very much like a laugh. If he confined his pranks to such jokes as this, however, he would not be such a bad neighbor to birds smaller than himself, but when he amuses himself by breaking the eggs in their nests and tearing the young to pieces with his bill he becomes a pestilent nuisance, and they often combine their forces to drive him out of the neighborhood. They do not always succeed, for he is as full of fight as of mischief, but a severe conflict teaches him that they, too, have their rights, and this induces him to mend his manners.—Toronto Mail.

Fishing for Sponges.

The British consul in his report on the trade of Tripoli remarks that the sponge fishery on that coast is entirely in the hands of Greeks, and is carried on by means of numerous small craft, employing about 700 men among them. The fishing takes place in the summer months only and is effected by machine boats provided with proper diving apparatus, or by trawlers and harpoon boats. The diving machines, as the divers have time to select and cut them, naturally secure the best sponges, but the trawl nets and harpoon boats, which can only fish in comparatively shallow waters, to a greater or less extent damage the sponges by tearing them from the bottom.

The best sponges are found to the westward of Tripoli, the quality becoming inferior toward the east. The diving is dangerous, owing to the presence of sharks, and other accidents to be met with, such as remaining too long under the water or diving beyond the proper limits, which often exhausts the divers and proves fatal to them.—English Mechanic.

Hardly an Encore.

A quartet was giving a concert before the patients of the insane hospital and was singing a number into a rather mournful cadence and a subdued refrain. The audience, with the best of good humor, such as invariably characterizes the audiences at the hospital, heard it to the bitter end, and when its last note had died away an old lady with a virtuous and dignified air of reconciliation on her face popped suddenly up out of the audience, and turning toward the stage said reverently: "O Lord forgive them, for they know not what they do."—Lexington Journal.

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